

Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8, 11, 19, 23, 31, 38, 41 and 45 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Thrice Amended) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium;

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a control unit for generating basic data for imposing payment from at least data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment to start the recording of

the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium; and

Sub D1 C1 a payment imposing unit for determining, when receiving the basic data from the control unit, an amount of payment according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium and imposing the amount of payment for a user specified by the user identification and for transmitting to the control unit the data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the user.

Sub E1 C2 --8. (Twice Amended) The record/playback apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an operating unit connected to the control unit; and

C2 a data storage unit where a plurality of data is stored, wherein the control unit reads out corresponding data from the data storage unit in response to indicator data supplied in response to an information input from the operating unit and directs the record/playback unit to record the data read out from the data storage unit onto the first recording medium.

--11. (Thrice Amended) A record/playback method of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium with the use of an apparatus capable of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording the data onto the second recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

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generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

imposing payment according to the basic data received, with an amount of payment determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and where an amount of payment for a specific user is determined according to the data indicative of user identification and for generating data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user in the payment imposing unit;

transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

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directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment.

--19. (Thrice Amended) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

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a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium; and

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a control unit for generating basic data for imposing payment from at least data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, with an amount of payment determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium

and the amount of payment for a specific user is determined according to the data indicating user identification, for directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment, thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium.

--23. (Thrice Amended) A record/playback method comprising the steps of:

reading out corresponding data from a data storage unit where a plurality of data is stored and recording the data onto a second recording medium in response to indicator data received from an operating unit in an apparatus for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium;

generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment

imposing unit;

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imposing payment according to the basic data received, wherein an amount of payment is determined by the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium with the amount of payment imposed on a specific user determined according to the data indicative of user identification and generating data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user in the payment imposing unit;

transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment.

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--31. (Thrice Amended) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a first unit for reading out data from a first recording

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a second unit for recording the data onto a second recording medium;

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a control unit for generating basic data for imposing payment from at least data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first unit onto the second recording medium in the second unit, transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, directing the first and second units in response to the received data to start the recording of the data read out from the first unit onto the second recording medium in the second unit; and

a payment imposing unit for receiving the basic data from the control unit, for imposing payment according to the basic data received, wherein an amount of payment is determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and the amount of payment imposed for a specific user is determined according to the information indicative of user identification and for transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing the payment, thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an

C4 account of the specific user to the control unit.

--38. (Twice Amended) The record/playback apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising:

C7 an operating unit connected to the control unit; and
a data storage unit where a plurality of data is stored, wherein the control unit reads out corresponding data from the data storage unit in response to indicator data supplied in response to an information input from the operating unit and directs the read/playback unit to record the data read out from the data storage unit onto the first recording medium.

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C8 --41. (Thrice Amended) A record/playback method of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium with the use of an apparatus for reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium

onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

canceling imposing payment and generating key data when the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a predetermined speed;

imposing payment and generating key data when the data indicative of a speed is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a speed faster than the predetermined speed, wherein

an amount of payment is determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and the amount of payment for a specific user is determined according to the data indicative of user identification;

transmitting data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user from the payment imposing unit to the

apparatus; and

C8 directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment.

--45. (Amended) A dubbing apparatus comprising:

Sub D7 dubbing means for reading out data from a first recording medium and writing said read out data onto a second recording medium; and

C9 control means for generating basic data for billing a user, said basic data includes a user identification and a dubbing speed, wherein after proper completion of billing said user in which an electronic transfer of funds is made from a user account, said control means directs said dubbing means to start reading out data from said first recording medium and writing the read out data onto said second recording medium, with an amount of billing for said user determined based on said dubbing speed.--